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SUBJECT: REDEYE MISSILES IN MID-EAST

IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER UK EMBASSY INQUIRY, MR. VEST,
DIRECTOR, POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS, BRIEFED EMBASSY
COUNSELOR WILBERFORCE ON OUR POSITION REGARDING SALES OF
REDEYE/BLOWPIPE IN MID-EAST. MR. VEST STRESSED THAT WE
CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE
WEAPONS. HE NOTED THE SPECIAL BASIS FOR OUR SALES OF
REDEYE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN (AND GREECE) AND INDICATED THAT
WE WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER OBJECTIONS IF THE BRITISH WERE TO
SELL THEIR EQUIVALENT WEAPON (BLOWPIPE) TO SAUDI ARABIA OR
IRAN, PROVIDED THE UK OBTAINED FIRM ASSURANCES REGARDING
THE CONTROL OF ANY WEAPONS SOLD. HE URGED THE UK TO RE-
TRAIN, AS WE INTEND TO, FROM SALES OF THESE WEAPONS TO
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MID-EAST. INGERSOLL

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